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INVENTION: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE BIOMETRIC  
IDENTIFICATION OF A PERSON

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**TITLE**

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE BIOMETRIC  
IDENTIFICATION OF A PERSON**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to an apparatus and to a method for the  
biometric identification of a person, having an authentication area containing

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